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INDIA-PAKISTAN: Withdrawals From Border

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India and Pakistan have begun pulling back their forces from a sector of their border in Kashmir. (b)(1)

According to the terms of an agreement reached earlier this month, both sides have until the end of the week to complete their pullback from the border in Kashmir.

Comment: So far, the Indian withdrawal has been limited, involving only units normally stationed close to the border. Both sides are likely to complete their withdrawals on time, however, laying the groundwork for additional pullbacks in other areas to be worked out in meetings later this month. The withdrawals should provide a favorable atmosphere for President Zia's visit to India this weekend. Military deployments will not return completely to normal, however, until India finishes its Brass Tacks IV exercise next month. (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(3)

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